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**United Kingdom-Newcastle Upon Tyne: Storage and warehousing services
2018/S 004-005040**

Contract notice

Services

Directive 2014/24/EU

Section I: Contracting authority

I.1) Name and addresses

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Address of the buyer profile: <https://nhsbsa.bravosolution.co.uk/web/login.shtml>

I.2) Joint procurement

I.3) Communication

The procurement documents are available for unrestricted and full direct access, free of charge, at: <https://nhsbsa.bravosolution.co.uk/web/login.shtml>
Additional information can be obtained from the abovementioned address
Tenders or requests to participate must be submitted electronically via: <https://nhsbsa.bravosolution.co.uk/web/login.shtml>
Tenders or requests to participate must be submitted to the abovementioned address

I.4) Type of the contracting authority

Body governed by public law

I.5) Main activity

Health

Section II: Object

II.1) Scope of the procurement

II.1.1) Title:

Vaccines and other medicines & pandemic specific vaccines logistics, storage & distribution
Reference number: 17_05_06

II.1.2) Main CPV code

63120000

II.1.3) **Type of contract**

Services

II.1.4) **Short description:**

This Contract Notice covers the Contracting Authority's requirements for a chilled, warehousing, distribution and management services for the supply of vaccines and other medicines including in respect of a pandemic incident, a multi-tiered response service. Including scheduled routine deliveries and urgent same-day service levels.

II.1.5) **Estimated total value**

Value excluding VAT: 25 000 000.00 GBP

II.1.6) **Information about lots**

This contract is divided into lots: no

II.2) **Description**

II.2.1) **Title:**

II.2.2) **Additional CPV code(s)**

42965100

42965110

48430000

60000000

60180000

63121000

63121100

63122000

64121200

79991000

II.2.3) **Place of performance**

NUTS code: UK

II.2.4) **Description of the procurement:**

This Contract Notice covers storage, management and distribution service requirements for vaccines and other medicines, including fulfilment services needed during a pandemic incident in respect of Influenza. To store national stock of circa 5 000 – 7 000 pallets of medicines and vaccines and provide a programme of regular deliveries for routine vaccinations, with flexibility to support scheduled, urgent next day, same-day deliveries and rapid deployment for specific products, within 5 hours in response to notification of an emergency situation. Regular schedule programme of approximately 3000 deliveries per week covering 10 000 locations in England, covering a range of health care organisations, including NHS trusts, NHS Foundation Trusts, General Practitioners social care providers and pharmacies. In addition there are some consolidated delivery operations within the devolved administrations of Scotland, Wales and Northern Ireland. Rapid deployment services covers UK; the majority of products will require delivery to acute healthcare trusts, with a small number of products potentially requiring deployment to any post code location in the UK in response to an emergency situation.

All services to be provided in a chill-chain environment of +2°C to +8°C in accordance with regulatory requirements including but not limited to the 2012 Human Medicines Regulations. Suppliers will need a holding a Wholesale Dealers License (WDL) which covers the storage and distribution of refrigerated medicines (all legal classes i.e not General Sales List (GSL) only).

- II.2.5) **Award criteria**
Price is not the only award criterion and all criteria are stated only in the procurement documents
- II.2.6) **Estimated value**
Value excluding VAT: 25 000 000.00 GBP
- II.2.7) **Duration of the contract, framework agreement or dynamic purchasing system**
Duration in months: 60
This contract is subject to renewal: yes
Description of renewals:
Option to extend the contract for 2x periods of 12 months.
- II.2.9) **Information about the limits on the number of candidates to be invited**
Envisaged number of candidates: 6
Objective criteria for choosing the limited number of candidates:
As stated in procurement documents.
- II.2.10) **Information about variants**
Variants will be accepted: no
- II.2.11) **Information about options**
Options: no
- II.2.12) **Information about electronic catalogues**
- II.2.13) **Information about European Union funds**
The procurement is related to a project and/or programme financed by European Union funds: no
- II.2.14) **Additional information**
1. Register your company on the eSourcing portal. Browse to Portal: <https://nhsbsa.bravosolution.co.uk> Select 'Click here to register' to register — Accept t's & c's click 'continue'. Enter your business & user details — Note your username and click 'Save'. You will receive an email with your unique password. 2. Express an Interest in the opportunity: Login with username/password. Click OK.

Section III: Legal, economic, financial and technical information

- III.1) **Conditions for participation**
- III.1.1) **Suitability to pursue the professional activity, including requirements relating to enrolment on professional or trade registers**
List and brief description of conditions:
Due to the nature of the services only those economic operators who meet, or can ensure that they will meet certain requirements will be suitable for consideration for this contract opportunity. Full details of such requirements are set out in the procurement documents by way of indication such requirements will include, but are not limited to, a requirement to confirm they have (or will have by the operational service commencement date) chilled chain operations at temperature ranges +2/+8 and hold a Wholesale Distribution Authorisation (WDA) pursuant to the Human Medicines Regulations 2012. Economic operators should refer to the procurement documents for a full understanding of the Contracting Authority's requirements in this regard.
- III.1.2) **Economic and financial standing**
Selection criteria as stated in the procurement documents
- III.1.3) **Technical and professional ability**
Selection criteria as stated in the procurement documents
- III.1.5) **Information about reserved contracts**
- III.2) **Conditions related to the contract**

- III.2.1) **Information about a particular profession**
- III.2.2) **Contract performance conditions:**
- III.2.3) **Information about staff responsible for the performance of the contract**

Section IV: Procedure

- IV.1) **Description**
 - IV.1.1) **Type of procedure**
Restricted procedure
 - IV.1.3) **Information about a framework agreement or a dynamic purchasing system**
 - IV.1.4) **Information about reduction of the number of solutions or tenders during negotiation or dialogue**
 - IV.1.6) **Information about electronic auction**
 - IV.1.8) **Information about the Government Procurement Agreement (GPA)**
The procurement is covered by the Government Procurement Agreement: yes
- IV.2) **Administrative information**
 - IV.2.1) **Previous publication concerning this procedure**
Notice number in the OJ S: [2017/S 212-440435](#)
 - IV.2.2) **Time limit for receipt of tenders or requests to participate**
Date: 05/02/2018
Local time: 12:00
 - IV.2.3) **Estimated date of dispatch of invitations to tender or to participate to selected candidates**
Date: 23/02/2018
 - IV.2.4) **Languages in which tenders or requests to participate may be submitted:**
English
 - IV.2.6) **Minimum time frame during which the tenderer must maintain the tender**
Duration in months: 9 (from the date stated for receipt of tender)
 - IV.2.7) **Conditions for opening of tenders**

Section VI: Complementary information

- VI.1) **Information about recurrence**
This is a recurrent procurement: yes
Estimated timing for further notices to be published:
2022, 2023, 2024 depending on whether options to extend are exercised
- VI.2) **Information about electronic workflows**
Electronic invoicing will be accepted
- VI.3) **Additional information:**
The value in section II.2.6 is an estimate of the value over the term of the Contract. There are a number of variables which could affect the value of the contract and the value could be more or less than the value stated in Section II.2.6. By way of an indication, the value could increase to approximately GBP 40 000 000 in the event the Authority chooses to extend the term in accordance with the contract provisions.
All information will be confirmed in the procurement documents.
The Vaccines & Other Medicines (VOM) and Pandemic Specific Vaccines (PSV) are managed and executed through the NHS Business Services Authority (which is the Contracting Authority for this opportunity) on behalf of Public Health England, NHS England and the Department of Health. It is advised that the following freely

available documentation from Public Health England and NHS England is referenced to provide background information and context to the service requirements described.

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/responding-to-a-uk-flu-pandemic>

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/overarching-government-strategy-to-respond-to-a-flu-pandemic-analysis-of-the-scientific-evidence-base>

<https://www.england.nhs.uk>

During the life of the Agreement the Contractor will be required to assist the Authority in the implementation of the Falsified Medicines Directive as it applies to supply of medicines by holders of Wholesale Distributor Authorisations (WDA).

In addition to the anticipated WDA activities of verifying medicines this will include the requirement to decommission medicines irrespective of any decision not to use the flexibilities for the decommissioning for Article 23 falsified medicines directive organisations by the UK.

All dates and figures in this notice are approximate and subject to change.

Any resulting contract will be considered as a contract made in England according to English law and will be subject to the exclusive jurisdiction of the English Courts;

The Contracting Authority is not liable for any costs incurred by those expressing an interest in or tendering for this contract including but not limited to where the contract award procedure is cancelled or adjusted for any reason. No reimbursement of costs shall be available.

The services being procured are currently managed and executed through the NHSBSA on behalf of public health England, NHS England and the Department of Health. This arrangement is currently under review, and the successful supplier may be required to enter into the contract with a newly established entity, currently anticipated to be a limited company wholly owned by the Secretary of State or such other body established to take on this role. Should this be the case, the contracting authority reserves the right to make consequential amendments to the procurement documents and/or contract to reflect the new arrangements.

Tenders and all supporting documents must be priced in sterling and all payments made in relation to the project must be in sterling.

Dialogue and correspondence will be conducted in English.

The Contracting Authority reserves the right to require deposits, guarantees, bonds, insurance cover and/or other forms of security as it deems appropriate.

Grouping of bidders may be required to form a separate limited liability company or other legal form and/or one that takes full responsibility and/or liability and/or confirm that each takes joint and several liability. The Contracting Authority conducted pre-tender market engagement following the publication of a Prior Information Notice [2017/S 212-440435](#). and Corrigendum [2017/S 226-471444](#).

The report outlining the findings of this exercise can be found at <https://www.contractsfinder.service.gov.uk/Notice/370817ff-9652-4808-aca6-ce755ea5983d>.

VI.4) Procedures for review

VI.4.1) Review body

NHS Business Services Authority
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United Kingdom

VI.4.2) Body responsible for mediation procedures

VI.4.3) Review procedure

Precise information on deadline(s) for review procedures:
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Refer to Public Contracts Regulations 2015.

VI.4.4) **Service from which information about the review procedure may be obtained**

VI.5) **Date of dispatch of this notice:**

03/01/2018